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Schedule for Public Participation in Planning for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

The Bureau of Land Management will offer the public several opportunities to be involved in development of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

- ❑ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Public input is now being accepted to help define the scope of issues that will be addressed in the EIS. Written comments should be sent no later than July 1, 2002 to: BLM Planning, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, Colorado 81323. Comments may also be faxed to 970-882-7035 or e-mailed to: Colorado_CANM@co.blm.gov There will be several opportunities for interested individuals and organizations to participate throughout the planning process.
- ❑ **NOMINATIONS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Completed nomination forms and letters were accepted through May 28, 2002. Recommendations on committee membership will be forwarded to the BLM State Office early in the summer. State Office recommendations will be forwarded to the BLM Director in Washington, D.C. and the Secretary of Interior will make the final appointments.
- ❑ **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The first Advisory Committee meeting will be held soon after the Secretary's appointments are announced. Meeting dates, locations, and agendas must be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days prior to the meeting. One of the main functions of the Advisory Committee will be to help shape the public involvement process. More details will be available after the Advisory Committee's first meeting.
- ❑ **COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERSHIPS AND ECOSYSTEMS WORKSHOP:** This workshop will be offered once the Advisory Committee is established and will include the Advisory Committee and selected participants. This workshop focuses on how to recognize, build, and sustain successful community-based partnerships that ensure a healthy environment and community. More information is available at: <http://www.ntc.blm.gov/partner/about.html>
- ❑ **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS:** Public scoping meetings will be held to help further clarify the scope of the issues, including preservation of cultural and natural resources; balancing multiple uses such as recreation, livestock grazing, energy development, traditional and Native American activities; integrating Monument management with community, tribal, and other agency needs; visitor services; and access and transportation on public lands.
- ❑ **DRAFT EIS:** Public comments specific to alternatives in the Draft EIS, expected to be out by the end of 2003 or early 2004, will also be accepted. Written comments will be taken for 90 days after release of the Draft EIS and incorporated into the Final EIS, expected out early in 2005.

For more information, contact the Anasazi Heritage Center at 970 882-4811. Information about Canyons of the Ancients is also available on the monument website at:
<http://www.co.blm.gov/canm/index.html>